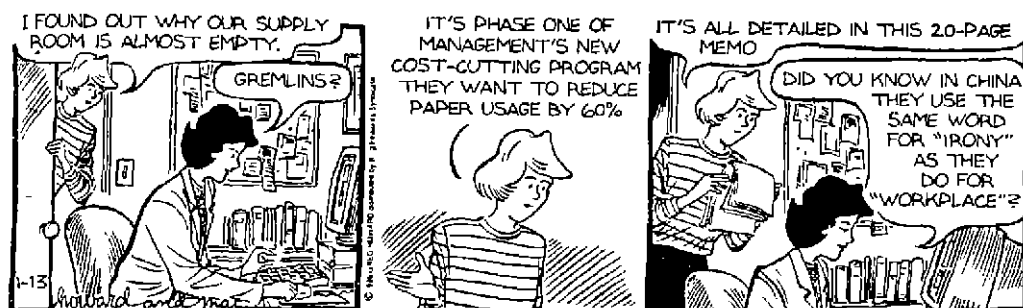


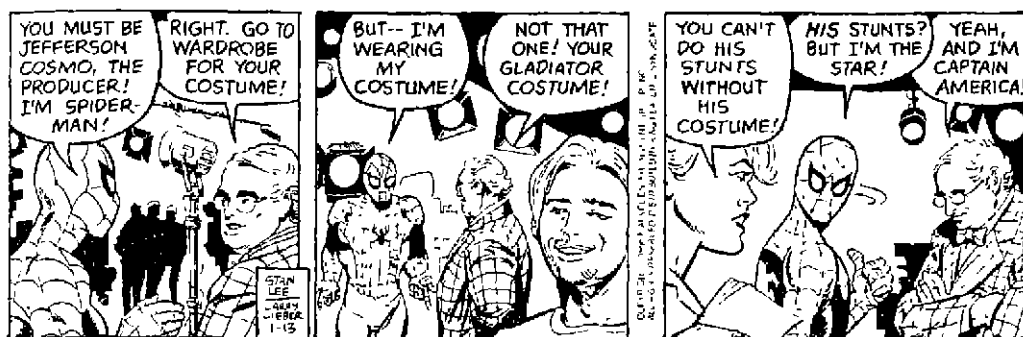
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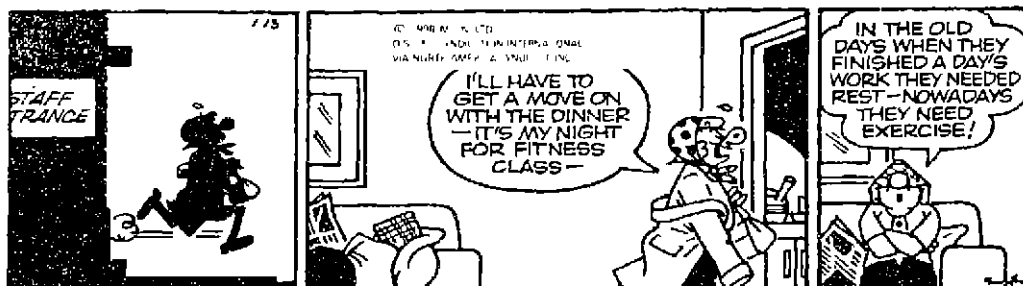
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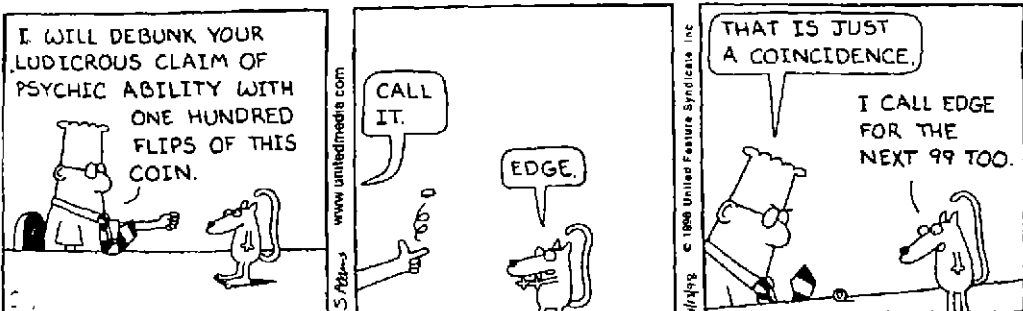
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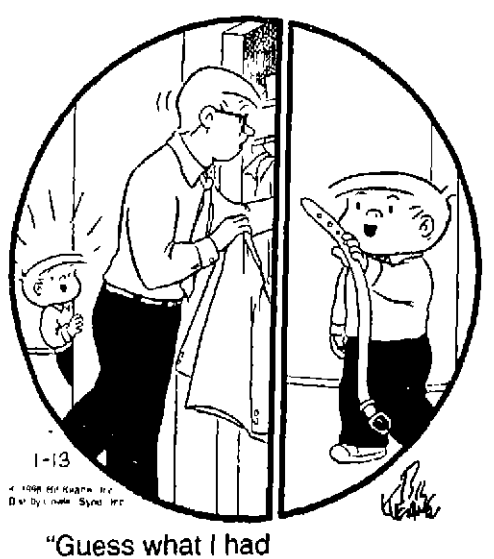
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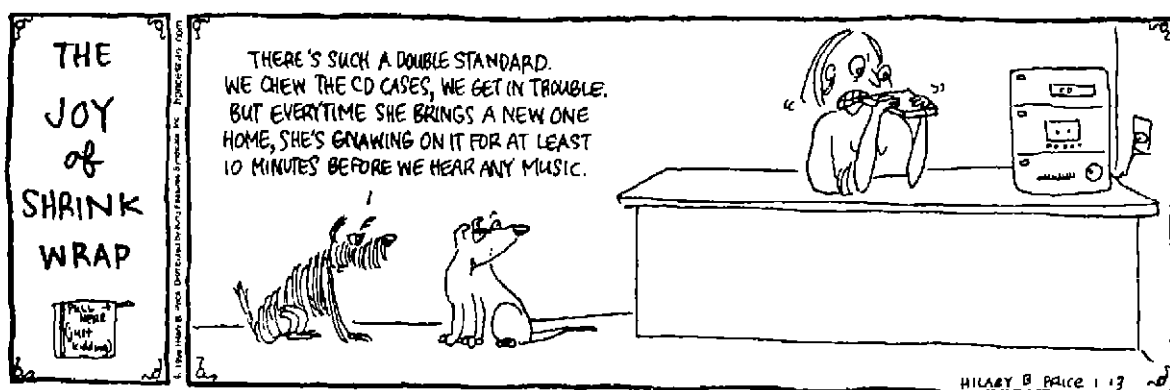
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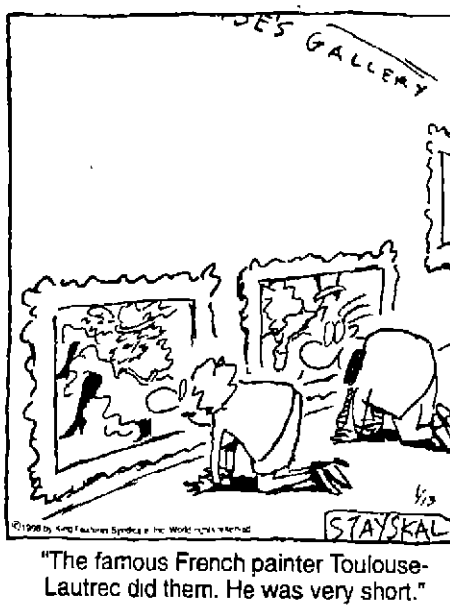
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Robert Stack is 79. Actress-singer-dancer Gwen Verdon is 73. Actor-director Charles Nelson Reilly is 67. Comedian Rip Taylor is 64. Actor Richard Moll is 55. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 43. Actor Kevin Anderson is 38. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 37. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 37. Country singer Trace Adkins is 36. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 34.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 100-110 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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WORD SLEUTH

Punctuation

B I F D A X S V T Q O M J H F
C A Y W U R E P N L J H F D E
B P A R E N T H E S E S Z H L
X V T R Q O O L M K E I P H L
F D B Z T Y U W H C V O T R I
Q O N L E G Q K A S R I A H P
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A Z X I A W B G S V M D U S I
R Q V O C N N O L O C I M E S
M K J I H S P F C H Y P H E N
E D S K R A M N O I T S E U Q

Monday's unlisted clue: EAGLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: THE END

Apostrophe Comma Marks Semicolon
Braces Ellipsis Parentheses Signs
Em dash Question marks Virgule
Colon Hyphen Quotes

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to consider your financial status before you agree to go on any extensive trips.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Loose ends regarding your career will have you in a quandary at the beginning of the day. This will sort itself out by nighttime.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Somehow the social scene just isn't very appealing to you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The beginning of the day will find you in a rather dreamy, introspective mood.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) The advice you sought won't really be to your liking, and you'll realize that relying on your own intuition is best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your head's in a whirl over those conflicting figures in your checkbook, so it's best to avoid spending any money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) At times you are a detail-oriented perfectionist. However, you find yourself annoyed by those things that you consider trivial.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Although your house is not actually in shambles and needs very little tidying up, you really won't be in the mood to finish up loose ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A little extra care on the job leads to greater financial rewards.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Someone close to you will be completely taken aback at your suggestion. However, given some time that person will come to agree with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is going to be an annoying day for you in terms of your memory. You'll find yourself highly distracted and forgetting to do little things that will come back to haunt you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Opportunities for career growth are not favored, so it's wise to avoid taking any risk.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

At a European tournament a couple of decades ago, a Dutch pair earned recognition for the "best-defended hand" of the competition. They fully deserved the award, however, a slip by declarer opened the door to opportunity. Can you spot where declarer slipped? West's club 10 went to East's ace, and East shifted to a low spade. South took his ace and led a low trump toward dummy's queen. West hopped up with his ace to lead his spade queen, and East made the key play. He overtook with his king to return a spade, and South could not avoid the trump upturn. If South ruffed low, West's trump 10 would score; if he ruffed high, East's trump jack would take the setting trick. Note that both defenders had to act decisively. Had West not won the first round of trumps, the upturn would have disappeared. And had East not taken "his partner's trick," South would have lost only one trump trick (inescapably obligatory). What could South have done against this alert defense? As the cards lie, when East shifts to a low spade at trick two, a duck by South stymies the defense. West wins and returns the suit, but when he wins his trump ace, he has no entry to East's hand for the trump-promotion play. South loses one trump instead of two and makes his vulnerable game.

NORTH ♠ J 10 9 7 2
♥ Q 4
♦ A K Q 7
♣ K 5

WEST ♠ Q 5
♥ A 10
♦ J 9 3 2
♣ Q 10 9 6 2

EAST ♠ K 6 4 3
♥ J 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A 8 4 3

SOUTH ♠ A 8
♥ K 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 10 6 4
♣ J 7

Vulnerable Both

Dealer South

The bidding

South West North East

2♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

*weak two bid

Opening lead Club 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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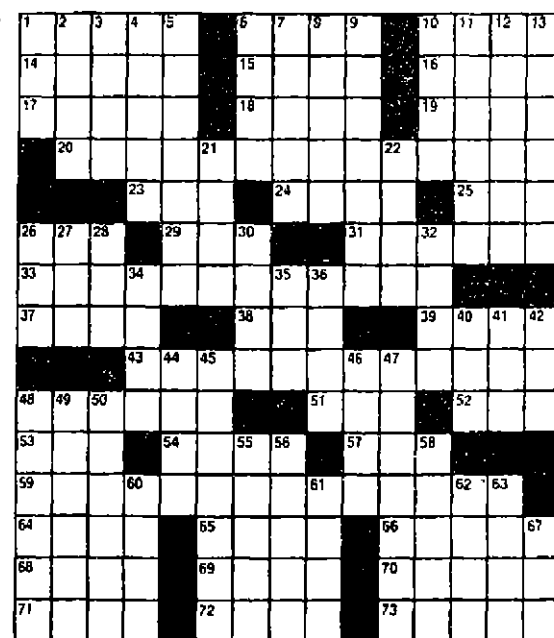
- 1 Half of a 60's quartet
6 Small farm spread
10 Explorer Vasco da
14 Necklace fastener
15 Linseed oil source
16 Caboose
17 Alaska's first capital
18 Freeway exit
19 — the Red
20 Start of a quote by Lily Tomlin
21 Twosome
24 Chimney accumulation
25 "What — the odds?"
26 Graze
29 Moo
31 Engaged in swordplay
33 Part 2 of the quote
37 Overfill
38 Swift bird
39 Verdi heroine
43 Part 3 of the quote
48 Slug but good
51 Dandy
52 Select, with "for"
53 Coach
54 Tabularize
57 Dorothy Parker quality
59 End of the quote
64 Fishing item
65 A beret covers it
66 Garden bulb
68 Sailing
69 "Symphonie espagnole" composer
70 CaH_2O_2 e.g.
71 Canine cry
72 Utopia
73 "Hansel and Gretel," for one

DOWN

- 1 Compaq products
2 Came down to earth
3 Way
4 Popped a question
5 Flipper?
6 60's haircut
7 North Pole name
8 Stallone title role
9 Detonate
10 Matured
11 Kind of photo
12 — d'hôtel
13 Like a gateway, often
21 2, to 4 or 8
22 Needle case
26 U.F.O. crew
27 "Yes, I see!"
28 — offensive
30 Birdhouse resident

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TEMP FADS CLAD
ARCO IRAE BRINY
JAIL LAZE LUNGE
LATTERLADDER
ASSUME IDEALS
WETTERWEDDER
ALIEN HEEDS PAN
KENS DIRTY RAMA
EST BASIE CYNIC
BITTERBIDDER
ALSACE ATEASE
MUTTERMUDDER
ALOOP IBID CURD
NUNNS SEMI USER
ASES TREE PAVE



Puzzle by Alan Otschwang

- 32 Jacob's twin
34 Lively old dance
35 Paris associate
36 Sleeve's end
40 — Jima
41 Immerse
42 Tiny worker
44 Mouselike animal
45 Letter
46 Cry of pain
47 Tranquilizers
48 Attack en route
49 Impassion
50 Victor's prize
55 Ending with farm or home
56 Library info
58 Kind of account
60 Harvest
61 Revolutionary Trotsky
62 Countertener
63 Stadium section
67 Meddle

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